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JIM BISHOP
AUTHOR

On 11/14/67, Assistant to the Director, Mr. C. D. DE LOACH, telephonically advised that he had received a call from JIM BISHOP, who is an author and has written several books, one being "The Day Lincoln Died." He had called him from Miami, Florida. He stated that he was coming to Dallas and Ft. Worth, Texas, arriving on Nov. 17th. DE LOACH stated that BISHOP had always been friendly with the Bureau and is at the present time working on a book, "The Day Kennedy was shot." He stated that BISHOP is a very pushy sort of individual and was inquiring as to whether he could come by and talk to me and possibly have me take him around and introduce him to various people in Dallas and Ft. Worth. DE LOACH stated that he had told BISHOP that we could not and would not introduce him around, but that I would be glad to talk to him. He said that anything that BISHOP asked me about, if I readily knew it and it was not controversial, to go ahead and be helpful, but certainly not to go out of the way or appear to be sponsoring him by taking him around.

Mr. DE LOACH stated that BISHOP wanted to have a reservation made for Friday night in the Texas Hotel and he also wanted to see the suite that the late President KENNEDY and Mrs. KENNEDY occupied the night before he was shot in Dallas. He said that if this could be arranged without the FBI becoming involved or appearing to sponsor BISHOP, then to try to do so.

I informed Mr. DE LOACH that the management of the Hotel Texas had recently changed; that I had contact, however, with HOWARD W. JENNINGS, who is employed by PERRY - BASS, INC., which is the company that controls the SID RICHARDSON estate and that this estate also controls the hotel. I felt that I could make necessary arrangements through Mr. JENNINGS. I contacted JENNINGS and JENNINGS stated that what he would like to do would be just to call the manager and tell him to make

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the suite available on Friday night for Mr. and Mrs. BISHOP on a complimentary basis and show nothing but the fact it was complimentary. There would be no mention made of the FBI. The manager would not know where the request was coming from. I called Mr. DE LOACH back and he stated he could see nothing wrong with this. It is noted that JENNINGS stated he felt that by doing this, it would certainly put a good taste in BISHOP's mouth and possibly he would give Ft. Worth and Dallas a little better write-up. DE LOACH stated that very definitely BISHOP would contact me sometime Friday.